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Sir:

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EP 0 477 536 is in the English language.

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The documents cited in the specification of the subject application, as filed and as amended, and not discussed above, are also listed on the PTO/SB/08a form.

DE 35 27 300 corresponds to U.S. patent No. 4,791,493.

DE 41 02 122 corresponds to U.S. patent No. 5,237,181.

DE 43 21 177 corresponds to U.S. patent No. 5,724,437.

DE 100 61 070 is accompanied by an English language abstract which was obtained from a commercial database.

DE 202 13 431 does not appear to have an English language abstract or equivalent. The Examiner is requested to review the discussion of this document in the specification of the application.

DE 203 03 574 is accompanied by an English language abstract which was obtained from a commercial database.

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U.S. patent No. 4,972,093 is in the English language.

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DE 196 17 009 corresponds to U.S. patent No. 5,854,680.

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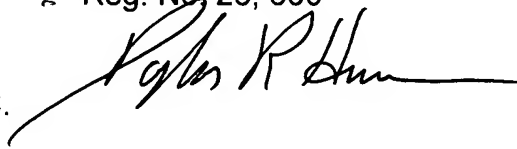
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